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Mr. Henry D. Paley Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities 37 Elk Street Albany, New York 12224

Dear Mr. Paley,

Dr. Lederberg has given me your April 17 letter concerning your regular monitoring of communications between Universities and public officials. I apologize for our late response.

For the past year and a half we have been meeting with selected public officials for the purpose of informing them about The Rockefeller University and to learn of any interests on their part in which we might be of help.

These meetings are normally a breakfast or lunch with a public official and hosted by President Lederberg with a few of the senior University officers. We have deliberately avoided asking for any assistance at this point, choosing instead to inform them about the University and then indicating that we may be asking for help or advice at some future point. The program seems to have been well received.

We have met 8 or 10 individuals thus far, all but 2 of whom are officials of the city of New York. In addition, we have met with Congressman William Green and Lt. Governor Cuomo. We intend to continue the program this year and will be meeting with additional state and federal officials. I will be in touch with you from time to time to keep you informed.

Since our educational program is limited to about 100 Ph.D. candidates, all of whom are completely funded by the University in various ways, I am not sure that any communication from us on TAP would really be credible - and in fact might be counterproductive. Therefore, we have not sent the mailgrams as you

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suggested. However, if you still feel communications from us would be useful please let me know and I will arrange for them. If you would like additional information about the public officials we have met I will be glad to provide that also.

Sincerely yours,

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